

According to the Notice, “the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121[j]” because it issued in response to the filing of a Non-Final Amendment, and because boxes 3 and 4 were checked on the accompanying PTOL-324 form. Notice, at page 1.

Applicants therefore submit herewith a corrected “Amendments to the Claims” section in which the comma following the word “epitopes” in line 5 of withdrawn claim 88 is no longer underlined. Please replace the “Amendments to the Claims” section of the Non-Final Amendment filed June 17, 2011, with the enclosed corrected section.

Applicants are unsure how to proceed with respect to the filing of new drawings, however, because, as pointed out above, the Notice indicates that the correction required “is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment[.]” Notice, at page 1. Because a request to submit new drawings was not set forth in the Non-Final Office Action of February 17, 2011, in response to which the allegedly non-compliant amendment was filed, the Non-Final Amendment filed June 17, 2011, did not include an “Amendments to the Drawings” section. Consequently, there is no “Amendments to the Drawings” section to correct in the allegedly non-compliant amendment.

Nevertheless, in accord with principles of compact prosecution and in the interests of expediting prosecution of this application to the extent possible under the circumstances, Applicants submit herewith an “Amendments to the Drawings” section marked as a “Corrected Section” as required by the Notice and accompanied by eleven sheets of replacement figures comprising Figures 1-11. The replacement figures have been modified to correct the defects identified on the Form PTO 948 attached to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 22, 1996, and to delete illegible text. Please insert the enclosed corrected “Amendments to the Drawings” section into the Non-Final Amendment filed June 17, 2011, after the corrected “Amendments to the Claims” section and before the “Remarks” section.

Applicants note for the record that a Form PTO 948 pointing out defects in the originally-filed drawings and asking Applicants to submit new drawings was attached to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 22, 1996. Examiner Schwadron reminded Applicants of the request to submit new drawings twice more, first in the Final Rejection mailed April 21, 1997, and again in the Non-Final Rejection mailed July 14, 1997. From that date, over a period spanning more than twelve years of active prosecution by three different law firms, during which twelve substantive office communications—including ten Office Actions<sup>1</sup> and two Advisory Actions<sup>2</sup> (not to mention numerous Restriction Requirements)—were issued, Examiner Schwadron never mentioned the request to submit new drawings again, until issuing the current Notice.

Applicants hope that the Examiner's decision to reiterate the request for new drawings now, after more than a decade of prosecution, indicates that allowable subject matter has been identified and a Notice of Allowance is being prepared, particularly in view of the productive interview between the undersigned Applicants' representative and Examiner Schwadron conducted on April 27, 2011. *See* Non-Final Amendment filed June 17, 2011, at pages 5-6. Applicants note again for the record that an Examiner Interview Summary pursuant to MPEP § 713.04 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.2 has not yet been posted in the image file wrapper on the USPTO Patent Application Information Retrieval ("PAIR") system.

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<sup>1</sup> Including a Final Rejection mailed May 2, 2000, a Non-Final Rejection mailed November 27, 2001, a Final Rejection mailed September 9, 2005, a Non-Final Rejection mailed January 1, 2007, a Final Rejection mailed October 18, 2007, a Non-Final Rejection mailed December 18, 2007, a Final Rejection mailed October 16, 2008, a Non-Final Rejection mailed October 30, 2009, a Final Rejection mailed August 4, 2010, and a Non-Final Rejection mailed February 17, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Including an Advisory Action mailed February 1, 2001, and an Advisory Action mailed February 21, 2001.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-5338, referencing Docket No. BNIT0003-PCT-US.

Respectfully submitted,

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